Soviet Assistance for Steel, Mines and Coal Projects

1855. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether possibilities of newer areas of co-operation in the fields of steel, coal and non-ferrous metals wert recently discussed at New Delhi at a meeting between India and the Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, the Soviet assistance expected to be received for steel industry, coal mining projects and coal washeries?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During his recent visit to India, Mr. A.I. Kachanov, First Deputy Chairman of the Soviet Committee on Foreign Economic Relations called on the Minister for Steel, Mines and Coal. During the discussion, Soviet cooperation in the field of steel, mines including coal mines and washery projects was generally reviewed.

Creating of a third aid window for developing countries

1856. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task force on concessional assistance appointed by the development committee of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) is for the creation of a third aid window for developing countries;

(b) whether the proposed third window will be harder than I.D.A. and softer than I.B.R.D.;

(c) whether India did not favour a third widow, as it would be deterimental to its interests;

(d) whether India will continue to be eligible for I.D.A. credit even after the creation of a third window;

(e) whether in view of the country's economic growth and performance, India has stressed for more concessional assistance; and

(f) what is the IDA credit India expects to receive even after the creation of a third window?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (f) It is expected that the report of the Task Force on Concessional Assistance will be presented to the Development Committee meeting in October 1985 in Seoul, Korea prior to the Annual Meeting of IBRD/IMF.

Office complex for 40 public sector undertakings

1857. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge office complex for over 40 public sector undertakings is under construction near the banks of the Yamuna in Delhi by the Public Enterprises Services Association (PESA);

(b) if so, what are the names of the participating units and the extent of expenditure likely to be shared by them;

(c) what is the capital outlay involved in this project; and

(d) how long will it take to build the office complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Public Enterprises Services Association (PESA), a registered society of 41 public sector undertakings, has undertaken to construct a multi-storeyed office complex in Laxmi Nagar District Centre in New Delhi on a plot of land allotted for the purpose by the Delhi Development Authority.

(b) The names of the participating public sector undertakings are annexed [*See* Appendix cxxxv, Annexure No. 43] Each participating company has undertaken to pay towards the cost of the land @ Rs. 306/-per sq. ft calculated on Floor Area Ratio (FAR) basis and share the actual cost of construction of the building in proportion to the office space booked by them.